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FOLLOWING REPEAT CAIRO 9389 ACTION SECSTATE SEP 22.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 9389

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SADAT, ANWAR)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRESIDENT SADAT

REF: A) CAIRO 8964; B) CAIRO 9369

1. I HAVE NOW HAD TALKS WITH PRESIDENT SADAT, FAHMY AND HASSAN KAMEL ON THE PRESIDENT'S UPCOMING STATE VISIT TO THE US. SADAT, AS ALREADY REPORTED, HAS LEFT THE ENTIRE MATTER OF SCHEDULING TO FAHMY AND KAMEL TO WORK OUT WITH US. FAHMY AND KAMEL HAVE SOME DIFFERENCE OF VIEW, BUT -- PART FROM PROTOCOL MATTERS -- I THINK FAHMY'S THOUGHTS SHOULD PREVAIL SUBJECT, OF COURSE, TO ANY REVISION THE PRESIDENT MIGHT LATER WISH TO MAKE.

2. BASED ON THESE TALKS, OUR PLANNING SHOULD BE
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GUIDED BY THE FOLLOWING GENERAL PRINCIPLES:

(A) THE PRESIDENT WANTS A FULL SCHEDULE IN WASHINGTON, BUT ONLY ONE OR TWO (AND PREFERABLY ONE) EVENTS ANYWHERE ELSE. HE WANTS PLENTY OF TIME TO REST. IT SHOULD ALSO BE BORNE IN MIND HE DISLIKES LONG AIRPLANE TRIPS. ITINERARY PROGRAMMING SHOULD AVOID FLIGHTS OF MORE THAN THREE HOURS OR SO.

(B) IN WASHINGTON THE PRESIDENT WANTS PLENTY OF TIME TO TALK WITH PRESIDENT FORD, SECRETARY KISSINGER AND THE LEADERSHIP OF BOTH PARTIES IN THE CONGRESS. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO BE INVITED TO ADDRESS A JOINT SESSION OF THE CONGRESS. HE WILL SPEAK TO THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB.

(C) THE PRESIDENT WANTS TO ADDRESS THE UNGA DURING HIS PERIOD IN THE US, BUT FAHMY PREFERS THAT FOR SECURITY AND OTHER REASONS HE NOT RPT NOT OVERNIGHT IN NEW YORK CITY.

(D) THE PRESIDENT'S STRONG PREFERENCE IS FOR NO RPT NO BLACK TIE DINNERS. SUCH ARE NOT CUSTOMARY IN EGYPT AND, INSTEAD, DARK SUITS ARE WORN. KAMAL HAS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE WHITE HOUSE WILL AGREE TO THE STATE DINNERS BEING DARK SUIT RATHER THAN BLACKTIE. PLEASE ADVISE.

(E) IF POSSIBLE)
AT ITINERARY STOPS OTHER THAN WASHINGTON, THE PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ONLY ONE MEAL, PREFERABLY DINNER. HE WOULD LIKE TO AVOID LUNCHES.

(F) PLANNING FOR MRS. SADAT'S SCHEDULE SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT SHE MUST BE WITH THE PRESIDENT. SHE CAN, OF COURSE, VISIT HOSPITALS OR OTHER INSTITUTIONS AT ITINERARY STOPS WHEN THE PRESIDENT IS ENGAGED IN OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS.

(G) THE SADAT CHILDREN AND TWO SONS-IN-LAW
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(WHO WILL PROBABLY ACCOMPANY) WILL MAINLY WANT FREE TIME TO SIGHTSEE AND SHOP.

3. BASED ON THE ABOVE PRINCIPLES, FAHMY AND I HAVE WORKED OUT THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE, SUBJECT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS:

OCTOBER 28 -- PRESIDENT SADAT ARRIVES AT WILLIAMSBURG

AND OVERNIGHTS THERE.

OCTOBER 29 -- PRESIDENT AND OFFICIAL PARTY HELICOPTER TO WASHINGTON FOR THE OFFICIAL MEETINGS, STATE DINNER ETC.

OCTOBER 30 -- MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON CONTINUE.
ADDRESS JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS IF AGREEABLE.
LUNCH AT NATIONAL PRESS CLUB.
EGYPTIAN DINNER.

OCTOBER 31 -- PRESIDENT FLIES TO NEW YORK TO ADDRESS UNGA.
FOR SECURITY REASONS, FAHMY HOPES WE CAN HELICOPTER HIM DIRECTLY FROM WASHINGTON TO UN BUILDING. AS ALREADY INDICATED, FAHMY THINKS IT UNDESIRABLE THAT THE PRESIDENT OVERNIGHT IN NYC. HE SUGGESTS THAT THE PRESIDENT EITHER RETURN TO WASHINGTON THE SAME DAY OR, IF WE CAN ARRANGE IT, HE AND HIS PARTY MIGHT OVERNIGHT AT SOME NEARBY LOCATION. FAHMY WONDERED IF VP ROCKEFELLER'S ESTATE MIGHT BE A POSSIBILITY. PLEASE ADVISE ANY SUGGESTIONS.

NOV 1 -- PRESIDENT FLIES TO CHICAGO.
PROGRAMMING IN CHICAGO TO BE DEVELOPED BY US, IN CONSULTATION WITH GHORBAL, BUT BEARING IN MIND, ABOVE GUIDELINES.

NOV 2 -- PRESIDENT FLIES TO SAN FRANCISCO.
PROGRAMMING TO BE ARRANGED BY US IN CONSULTATION WITH GHORBAL. (NOTE: KAMEL BELIEVES IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR THE PRESIDENT TO GO TO SAN FRANCISCO SO THAT HE WILL ALSO HAVE WEST COAST EXPOSURE. FAHMY SEES NO REASON TO DO SO. KAMEL IS PRESENTING THIS POSSIBILITY TO SADAT TO OBTAIN HIS REACTION. IF THE PRESIDENT'S REACTION IS NEGATIVE, THE SUBSEQUENT
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ITINERARY STOPS CAN BE MOVED UP BY ONE DAY.)

NOV 3 -- PRESIDENT FLIES TO HOUSTON, TEXAS.
PROGRAMMING TO BE ARRANGED BY US, IN CONSULTATION WITH GHORBAL.

NOV 4 -- PRESIDENT FLIES TO FLORIDA.
FAHMY RECALLED THAT THE SECRETARY HAD MENTIONED A PLACE IN FLORIDA WHERE WE COULD ARRANGE THAT THE PRESIDENT GO FOR A FEW DAYS TO REST. IDEA WAS FAVORABLY RECEIVED. HENCE, THE SUGGESTED FLORIDA STOP. WOULD APPRECIATE DETAILS ON WHERE THE SECRETARY HAD IN MIND.

NOV 5 -- PRESIDENT EMPLANES EARLY EVENING FOR LONDON.

4. KAMEL IS PRESENTING THIS TENTATIVE ITINERARY TO SADAT FOR HIS REACTION. I SAID I WOULD ALSO SUBMIT IT FOR DEPARTMENT'S TENTATIVE REACTION. WE WILL THEN MEET AGAIN FOR A SECOND CUT AT A PROGRAM ITINERARY. IN PREPARATION FOR A FURTHER MEETING, I WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING DEPT'S REACTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS TO THE ABOVE TENTATIBE ITINERARY.

5. KAMEL ALSO ASKED WHETHER WE WILL PRESENT DECORATIONS. I SENSE THAT SADAT WILL BE BRINGING DECORATIONS FOR PRESIDENT FORD AND PERHAPS OTHERS. PLEASE ADVISE.

6. KAMEL SAID HE DID NOT THINK THE OVERALL PARTY WILL BE MUCH MORE THAN 100. HE COULD NOT YET GIVE ME THE NAMES OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY, BUT PROMISED TO DO SO ASAP. IN ADDITION TO THE FAHMY'S THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT VP MOBAREK MAY BE BROUGHT ALONG. AS OF NOW, THIS IS NOT YET FIRM.

7. FAHMY AND TAHSIN BASHIR TELL ME THAT EGYPTIANS HAVE RECEIVED, THROUGH GHORBAL, INVITATIONS FROM A NUMBER OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES, NOTABLY UNIVERSITY OF PENNA, PRINCETON AND GEORGETOWN, FOR THE PRESIDENT TO SPEAK AND RECEIVE AN HONORARY DEGREE. FAHMY SAYS THE PRESIDENT IS NOT PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN SUCH DEGREES, BUT WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO ONE RPT ONE SUCH AFFAIR IF (A) IT CAN BE ASSURED HE WILL NOT RPT NOT HAVE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM ARAB CONFIDENTIAL

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STUDENTS, (B) IT CAN BE CONDUCTED IN A DIGNIFIED WAY (SAME POINT AS A, BUT PUT ANOTHER WAY), AND (C) IT CAN BE FITTED INTO HIS SCHEDULE WITHOUT DETRIMENT TO IMPORTANT TALKS OR MEETINGS. SUGGEST DEPT DISCUSS WITH GHORBAL AND LET US HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS.

8. AM SENDING BY SEPTTEL TENTATIVE INFORMATION ON EGYPTIAN ADVANCE PARTY'S VISIT IN EARLY OCTOBER. EILTS UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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